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The Mikado

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AT 8:15 P. M.

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SCENE 1—COURT-YARD OF KO-KO'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE

Nanki-Poo a wandering minstrel enters in search of Yum-Yum, only to learn that she is betrothed to KO-KO, a cheap tailor, under sentence of death for flirting, KO-KO has been reprieved and raised to the post of Lord High Executioner, which is the highest rank a citizen can obtain. Yum-Yum and her two girl companions Pitti-Sing and Peep-Bo return from school and preparations for the wedding of Yum-Yum and Ko-Ko go forward. Suddenly a letter arrives from the Mikado declaring that unless someone is beheaded within a month the post of Lord High Executioner will be abolished and the city reduced to the rank of a village. Ko-Ko seeks counsel of Poo-Bah and Pish-Tush in this dilemma but they point out that as he is already under sentence of death for flirting he seems to be the logical victim. In search of a substitute Ko-Ko encounters Nanki-Poo who is about to hang himself in despair at the thought of Yum-Yum marrying another. Ko-Ko proposes that Nanki wait a month and then be beheaded at the hands of the Public Executioner, and the latter consents on condition that he be permitted to marry Yum-Yum in the meantime. Now Nanki-Poo is really the son of the Mikado who has fled from his father's court to escape the attentions of Katisha, an elderly and unattractive member of the court circle. As the chorus hails the approaching marriage of Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo, Katisha enters in search of Nanki but her efforts to denounce him are frustrated by the shouts of the crowd, and the curtain falls on a scene of mixed emotions.

SCENE 2—SAME AS ACT ONE

Yum-Yum is preparing for her wedding to Nanki-Poo, but her joy is tempered by the remarks of her attendants who remind her that her husband is to be beheaded in a month. Nanki-Poo enters followed by Ko-Ko who brings the dreadful information that when a man is beheaded the Mikado's law provides that his wife be buried alive. Of course there can be no marriage under such circumstances. However, the approach of the Mikado, announced by Poo-Bah, drives Ko-Ko to desperation because the necessary execution has not taken place. Willing to make any sacrifice to save his high position, Ko-Ko determines to stave off the Mikado with a tale of the execution of Nanki-Poo supported by Poo-Bah, who is to vouch for the truth of Ko-Ko's story. In order to carry out this deception Nanki-Poo is to disappear and never come back. He is even to be permitted to marry Yum-Yum and take her with him in order to insure the carrying out of the plot. The Mikado enters and is told that an execution has taken place. All would be well were it not for the fact that Katisha discovers the name of Nanki-Poo on the fake death certificate. When the Mikado learns that the supposed victim is his son, Ko-Ko and his companions are in a very awkward position. Efforts to induce Nanki-Poo to reappear are unsuccessful until Ko-Ko, very reluctantly pays court to Katisha and persuades her to marry him. Even after the marriage her pleas for mercy are unavailing until Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum turn up at the critical moment and all ends happily.

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THE MIKADO

Characters in the order of their appearance.

Nanki-Poo	William Craig
Pish-Tush	Samuel Tucker
Poo-Bah	Arthur Wells
Ko-Ko	Walter Shorday
Yum-Yum	Emily Urban
Pitti-Sing	Ann Wells
Peep-Bo	Doris Ashworth
Katisha	Ida Haase - Edith Donat
The Mikado	Charles Haase
Attendant	Harold Goodwin, Jr.

CHORUS OF SCHOOL GIRLS, NOBLES, GUARDS AND COOLIES

Catherine Bock
Betty Burkholder
Jean Ballantine
Laura Benner
Emilie Buckley
Anne Getz
Myrtle Goodwin
Elmira Hein
Elsie Irvin
Augusta Lacy
Helen Lee
Edith Mattson
Jane Potts
Elizabeth Stevenson
Elizabeth Teal

Johnson Glavis
Charles Godfrey
George Goodwin
Harold Goodwin
Edwin Kroeker
Edward Potts
Robert Shaw
Ian Somerville
Norman Tempest
Stephen Trimble
Samuel Tucker, Jr.

Directed by — Elsie Tucker

Stage Director — Walter Shorday

Members of the Orchestra:

Bertrand A. Austin
Edgar Boyer
Nicholas Frisch
Paul Nuse

William Breuer
James Rettew
Carl Tucker
Vernon Watson

Costumes

Imogene Tempest, with the assistance of members and friends of the cast.

Hats by — Ida Haase

Scenery — Designed and executed by Casimir I. Geibel

Stage Properties — Designed and constructed by Ralph Snyder

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